

VIRGINIA DIVISION OF CONSOLIDATED LABORATORY SERVICES

NOTICE OF COVID-19-RELATED REMOTE ASSESSMENTS

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The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has prompted the need for establishing an alternate approach to performing onsite laboratory assessments to ensure the safety of the assessed laboratory staff and accreditation body staff.

The Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) is using procedures to conduct assessments remotely with increased focus on pre-assessment data package review and interviews done by video conferencing. These procedures are applicable to assessments of laboratories accredited under 1VAC30-46 or certified under 1VAC30-41, 1VAC30-45, or the Tuning Fork Protocol.

Routine laboratory assessments will be conducted remotely until further notice.

Laboratory assessments for new applicants may be conducted with a combination of remote assessment and an abbreviated on-site assessment at the discretion of the DCLS Director.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Lab_Cert@dgs.virginia.gov.